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H. RES. 1576

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Day of Recognition for Parents of Special Needs Children should be established.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 29, 2010

Mr. Burton of Indiana (for himself, Mr. Turner, Mrs. McMorris Rodgers, Mr. Faleomavaega, Mr. Conyers, Mr. Buyer, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Reichert, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Pence) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

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Whereas children with special health care needs are defined as those children who have a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition that requires special health-related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally;

Whereas the Department of Health and Human Services most recent National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs estimates 14 percent of children between the ages of 0 and 17 in the United States are diagnosed as having special health care needs;

Whereas active and supportive parents serve a critical role in the development of special needs children and in preparing them to succeed in school and in life;

Whereas parents of special needs children deserve annual national recognition for their selfless dedication, compassion, and sacrifice; and

Whereas it is appropriate that the Nation reserve a special day each year to celebrate and honor the parents of special needs children across the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

- 2 (1) recognizes the importance of honoring the 3 Nation's parents of special needs children;
 - (2) expresses its sense that a National Day of Recognition for Parents of Special Needs Children should be established to honor such parents; and
 - (3) urges the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe such a day with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities.

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